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DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUSPENSION OF REVOCATION OF
THE LICENSE OF

KRISTY LASKO, P.T.
LICENSE NO. 40QA01039300

TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter came before the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners upon information that the respondent has failed to complete a total of thirty (30) credits of continuing education in approved physical therapy courses during the period of February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2008, as required for the 2008-2010 biennial license renewal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10 and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. Based upon information received and which the Board reviewed, the following preliminary findings are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a physical therapist in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. The renewal applications submitted by licensed physical therapists and physical therapists assistants included an acknowledgment regarding whether or not the licensees had completed thirty (30) continuing education credits during the period from February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2008 as required for the 2008-2010 biennial license renewal period pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10 and N.J.A.C 13: 39A-9.1 et. seq.
3. On April 25, 2008, the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners initiated a random audit of renewal applications for the 2008-2010 period, asking licensees to submit proof with regard to the satisfaction of continuing education requirements for the biennial period, i.e., thirty (30) credit approved hours. The audit letter was sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the respondent's address of record and was received by the respondent on May of 2008.
4. In response to the Board's audit, Respondent indicated that she had completed a course sponsored by Cross Country Education entitled "Treating Migraine and Other Headaches with Massage and Muscle Restore Technique," taken on March 15, 2007 for six (6) continuing education credits. Upon a review of the submissions, the Board found that this course sponsored by Cross Country Education was denied approval and does not count toward completing the continuing education requirement.
5. Based upon all the available information reviewed, the Board has found that Respondent's conduct in failing to obtain thirty (30) continuing education credits in the period from February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2008 establishes a basis for disciplinary action as the Respondent did not meet the requirements for renewal of her license to practice physical therapy as she failed to obtain the requisite thirty (30)

continuing education credits within the two years preceding the renewal period as required by N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.34 (d) and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Respondent has not satisfied the requirements of N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10 and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. with regard to the completion of the appropriate number of approved continuing education credit hours and is therefore subject to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (h), failure to comply with the provisions of an act or regulation administered by the Board, which constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of any certificate, registration or license, and grounds for sanction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline suspending respondent's license to practice Physical Therapy in the State of New Jersey was entered on August 20, 2010 and a copy was served on the respondent. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

On September 14, 2010 the Board received correspondence from the respondent submitting proofs that she had completed three credits for an online course entitled "Strength Training: Focusing on Geriatrics" and additional three credits for an on line course entitled "Should Impingement and Rehabilitative Techniques." Both courses were completed on September 9, 2010.

Upon review of all the available information, the Board finds that the respondent has provided sufficient documentation that she has completed the four continuing education courses that were short and she has therefore evidenced completion of thirty (30) continuing education credits.

THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS 26th DAY OF October , 2010,
ORDERED:

1. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45: 1-25 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10, N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (h) as evidenced by your failure to satisfy the continuing education requirements. This penalty is waived by the Board as the Respondent was not aware that the course sponsored by Cross Country Education was denied.
2. Respondent submitted proof of having completed the requisite four (4) hours of continuing education credits on September 14, 2010. **Four of the six continuing**

education credits are **NOT** to be used to renew respondent's license for the 2010-2012 renewal period. This matter is completely satisfied.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Chair